

OSA to Build Two Ranges: Blackhawk and Carlen

Ready, Aim, Build. At the March annual meeting, Pat Monahan announced the plans of the project committee to build two ranges at Owasppe at the May 16-18 FIX-IT. This plan has been approved by the CAC, and the funds for the construction of these ranges have already been raised.

Bob Bavirsha and Tony Krier, the foremen on the building committee, are now purchasing materials and developing a detailed construction plan. They'll need all the help we can give them. Many members have already notified Bob that they are coming to the weekend. If you are coming, let us know, by calling Phil (Chauncey) Nizio (562-4874), Pat Monahan (429-2584), Bob Bavirsha (839-2366), or Tony Krier (878-4069).

A special feature of the dinner dance was an opportunity to view two scale models of the field sports ranges, one prepared by Ron Bordenaro and another by Bill Bavirsha. Bill, a member of the project committee, built his model to assist OSA builders in all stages of construction, in particular on the job site itself. Those who did not view his spectacular model at the annual meeting will have an opportunity to see it at the FIX-IT.

Also at the annual dinner, Pat Monahan distributed premiums to individuals who had contributed to the project fund. Pat Foster, Bill Lotter, Bob Lotter, Sheridan Nunn, and Joe Sener received jackets. In addition to jackets, John and Chris Maluta received a plaque expressing appreciation for their donation of \$1,000.00. James and Eileen Walters also received the heartfelt gratitude of the association and a plaque expressing appreciation for their donation of \$5,000.00. Members who have made donations or redeemed pledges will receive their premiums in a few weeks.

Our fund-raising efforts will not be complete, however, until the OSA has raised \$2000.00 more toward the two-year goal of \$24,000.00. If you have not yet made a pledge to the project, please do so today. With these additional monies, the OSA will renovate the ranges at Camps Wolverine and Crown in 1987.

Be a part of the OSA FIX-IT. Sign up for the Fix-IT today.



The Challenge Weekend

Greetings. On May 16-17-18, Chief Owasppe is drafting all able-bodied men and women to participate in the Challenge Weekend at Owasppe. The Great Chief, himself, has challenged the OSA to erect two field sports ranges in one weekend as well as to perform other maintenance duties at camp.

During this weekend, we will make every attempt possible to have everyone help out on the ranges. Whether you are a skilled tradesman or good with a shovel, we need you and your friends at this weekend. As in previous weekends, the CAC will provide housing and food for all workers.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer about the weekend. Please call Chauncey (562-4874) to reserve a place for yourself and for your friends. If you have questions about the range project, call Bob Bavirsha at Bavirsha Construction (839-2366). If he is not available, just leave your name, tell him you're with the OSA, and he will get back to you.

So let's show everyone that when the OSA is challenged to perform, we can do it and much more. See ya there.

President's Perspective

by Pat Monahan



In only a few weeks, our association will complete the first stage of the most significant project in its history, and from the beginning, this project has required the involvement of many members. More than twenty members assisted in planning the project, and more than 150 members have made cash contributions. At the FIX-IT, Bob Boyirsha and Tony Krier will organize our efforts, and we hope to see more than one hundred of our members and their friends on the job site. This pattern of involvement is a clear sign of the health and growth of our association.

At Camp Kiwanis in January, our members reasserted their commitment to the service of Owasippe and the camping programs of the Chicago Area Council, and I can report that we have just completed perhaps our most active year. In camp promotion at roundtable meetings, on the camp properties and development committee, in the OSR staff development program, at two Owasippe FIX-ITS, on the OSA project committee, and on the trail renovation team, our members have offered untold hours of service to Owasippe. We realize that with the continued involvement of our members, we can accomplish still more.

In addition to service to Owasippe, some of our members have offered many hours of service to the OSA itself. This newsletter is the combined efforts of sixteen people, all of whom have, at times, assumed large, meaningful roles in our association. At garage sales, dinner dances, family picnics, and Christmas parties, on our membership, finance, and election committees, members continue to serve the operations of our association.

This summer, along with the resident reservation staff, we help to lead Owasippe into its 75th year. For Owasippe and the OSA, the summer and the year ahead hold great promise. Get involved, stay involved, the fun is in involvement.

Vibrations Interview



Dr. Stephen J. Horvath served on the Owasippe staff for more than ten years, at Camps West, Beard, Stuart, and

Wilderness. He was at different times a ranger, an aquatic instructor, a canoeist on the White River, a camp director (Wilderness) and an Associate Reservation Director for Program. In 1962, Steve joined the Camp Operations Committee, which was at the time studying the site of the current administration center and the Wolverine Camp complex. Steve has chaired the Camp Operations Committee since 1977. His wife, Terry, has directed family camp for ten years, and his four sons have also served on the Owasippe staff.

Steve is currently the Superintendent of Schools in School District 125. He received his doctorate in leadership and management from Vanderbilt University. He is interviewed by Chuck Nagel, a ten-year veteran of the Owasippe staff, an original member of the OSA Board of Directors, and a long-term member of the Camp Operations Committee.

Chuck: Steve, how do you see the Owasippe Scout Reservation today?

Steve: The reservation is very rich in history. It was America's first council camp dedicated to serving youths. We have had two successful capital campaign funds to establish the current facilities. In the last ten years, we have established a dynamic camping committee, comprised of active, credible members. This committee is now probably the most active committee in the Council. They set policy, not only for Owasippe, but also for the short-term camps.

Chuck: What are some of the important factors in Owasippe's growth?

Steve: Two major factors were the "core" concept, which provided an opportunity for 7000 youths to camp in a centralized, controlled area, and the establishment of a capital campaign, which created funds for immediate capital needs, maintenance trusts, and more important, a campership fund to help scouts participate in camping activities.

Chuck: What are some of the recent changes in Owasippe, and what do you see for its future?

Steve: In recent years there has been a shift from the patrol cooking concept back to the dining hall camp, with unit involvement in the program. The camping committee was responsible for the building of two new dining halls on the reservation. In the future, I see Owasippe as a scout camp serving our scout membership. It will continue to be a full-time summer operation, serving Chicago scouts as well as scouts from neighboring councils that would like to enter into agreements with us.

Chuck: Do you see Owasippe becoming a regional scout camp for other councils?

Steve: I do not foresee Owasippe becoming a regionally owned and operated camp in the near future. I do see more utilization of the camp by other scout councils. Like many non-profit organizations, the BSA cannot afford to maintain and operate year-round facilities on a limited basis. As youth membership declines, we must be realistic to know that we cannot operate summer camps for two or three periods at the cost of an eight or nine-period operation. Therefore, there must be cooperation between scout councils.

Chuck: Capital campaigns have allowed the camp

committee to expand the facilities, construct dining halls, develop a handicap site and other major projects. Do you foresee capital campaign funds used for the construction of additional facilities at Owasippe?

Steve: The camp committee has always investigated ways to enhance the facilities. Our concern is that the facilities be used on a broader basis. We recognize the distance of Owasippe from the Chicago metropolitan area, as well as the high cost of maintaining the property, especially the taxes of over \$85,000.00 per year. We have an obligation to maintain facilities at a low cost, but we also have a responsibility to develop facilities to service other outdoor education programs, which include our near-in camps also. It must be understood that Owasippe is not the only camp we operate. All our facilities must be included in any new development.

Chuck: In your opinion, what will happen to the Owasippe Lake properties?

Steve: The Chicago Area Council will continue to own the properties, but they will continue to be a liability until economic conditions improve in the Oceanic County area. The federal government is not interested in the property at this point because funding is lacking and a large portion of the property is not in the national forest district. Private developers who have expressed interest have withdrawn because of the depressed economic conditions of the area. If the OSA would like to purchase it, I'm sure the camp committee could give them a deal they couldn't refuse.

Chuck: In closing, what are your feelings about the OSA, and what part will they play in the future?

Steve: The OSA will continue to be an important part of the camping committee, the principal policy-making body for the CAC camping programs. I believe, regardless of who the chairman of the committee may be, that the OSA will retain its seat on the committee. The OSA exists to assist and promote the camping program, and that is the primary purpose of the camping committee. I hope that as the OSA grows, they will continue to provide human resources, as well as fiscal resources. I see a day when the OSA will spearhead a major project such as the building of a dining hall on the Wolverine Properties.

Bringing You the News

As a team of new editors, we present our first issue with much thanks to the many OSA members who helped us. In the months ahead, we hope to publish quality newsletters, filled with interesting information. We'll retain much of the past, thanks to Ron Kulak, who'll continue to write the Galloping Grapevine, and we'll also try some new approaches.

We'll focus more on people in our newsletters, not only

through the Grapevine, but also through interviews and member profiles. In this issue, we talk with Steve Horvath, a long-term Owasippe staff man and present chairman of the Camp Operations Committee, and profile Ron Kulak, upon whom the OSA bestowed an honorary life membership in March. In other issues we'll talk with other OSR figures and provide current information about some of the important people from the past. Where are they now?

We also encourage you to express your opinions to us. We'll regularly run a column titled "One Member's Opinion." In this issue, Al Baldasty speaks out on the role of associate members in the association. Our goals here are to stimulate some thinking about the OSA and to make our members aware of its by-laws and policies.

In this historical year, we'll also recall some of Owasppe's rich past. In this issue, Jack Coussens celebrates Camp Wilderness, site of the present Camp Blackhawk. In our next issue, he looks at some of the famous buildings of Owasppe—Double-O, Stern Lodge, the Beard dining hall. Wander through Owasppe with Father John.

We'll try to keep our members distant from Chicago abreast of news from camp and of the goings-on of the OSA. We're a very busy organization, and you'll come to know all that we're doing.

Our newsletter is a cooperative endeavor, from beginning to end. You can assist us by sending us news about yourself. Our members are interested in you. If you own or operate a business, consider advertising in our pages. And for heaven's sake, spread the news about the OSA.

Joe Alonso
Pat Monahan
Bill Schaefer

Reflections of Pre-Camp

By Joe Alonso

As spring approaches, every man's and woman's fancy turns to love. A true OSR staff member's, however, turns to Pre-Camp.

I cannot fully remember my expectations of Pre-camp my first year, but rumor had it that the work was strenuous and plentiful.

When I arrived in Whitehall city, much to my surprise, no one greeted me. You see, I had arranged to have one of Bob Halston's vehicles pick me up, but the person to whom I had spoken before I left must never have delivered my message. So there I stood, swearing at this person who shall remain nameless, but whose first name is the one used by a leading toilet paper manufacturer and whose last name goes hand in hand with a well known barbecue grill maker (No, not Hibachi; we didn't have any Hibachis on staff).

As the streets folded up around me for the evening, I began to panic, for no one resembled an Owasppean. Perhaps the look on my face gave me away, perhaps it was the two suitcases, the backpack, and the red woolen

jacket, but a local saw me and knew I was not from there. I always remember locals hanging around Pitkin's. I assumed they stayed there to keep me out of Whitehall or to chase me away when I arrived.

Perhaps what surprised me most about my first pre-camp was that no matter who I was or how many years I worked at Owasppe, I did the same type of work as everyone else. I painted pools, built a summer ski hill (an idea whose time had come apparently, but soon left), and dug holes in search of water mains (Of course, Orville Hawk wasn't sure where the main was, but he instructed us to dig nonetheless). We all had one goal in common, to get two months work completed in one month, and another, to have the best time while we were at it.

I envy the present staff who will soon begin pre-camp, but just a little. I remember the Guest Lodge less today and the hard labor more. My back isn't as strong as it used to be, and today I'd rather tell people where to dig than dig myself. Still, just a few weeks until pre-camp begins. I'm ready for it!

Travels Through Owasppe: Wilderness Revisited

by Father John
(A.K.A. Jack Coussens)

Not too many people remember Camp Wilderness, and fewer still are those who attended it and still return to Owasppe. Officially considered a bridge between the mass camps (dining hall) and lone troop camps, the original camp was for many years a popular place. The camp sat exactly where Blackhawk now stands and held twelve troops—no more.

The east hill contained the larger campsites and was closest to the chapel. The west (cardiac) hill had the revered Adirondack shacks, which were demolished to make way for the Blackhawk expansion. Both hills still have the concrete grates, which marked the original troop sites. Searching may produce visual traces of the maze of little roads used by the troops, but the K/D units,

used for food preparation and eating, have completely vanished. Is there an Old Timer out there who can remember the location of the most prized site? Yup, you're right, exactly where Blackhawk staff row is now. Troops then, as now, like to feel they are alone, and this separate, small hill served this purpose admirably.

Through the 1960's, Wilderness had its own director, a ranger (scoutcraft), and a waterfront staff. The entire staff numbered some nine dedicated souls, who lived on the waterfront and in the hollow behind the present

dining hall. The nerve center of the camp was the Log Factor's cabin, that stood right where the Blackhawk dining hall now rests. When it went down, sentimentalists rushed to obtain one of the stones from the fireplace. A fine place, Wilderness, as present Blackhawk campers have discovered.

One Member's Opinion

I believe the name of the OSA is misleading and somewhat intimidating. It suggests that only "staff" can become members. I've been a unit leader at OSR since 1970, but did not join the OSA until August 1983 after having served as a volunteer commissioner that year for a two-week period. Other unit leaders have told me they had the same impression. You might want to consider a name change such as the Owasippe Association or some other name that might be more all encompassing.

Why is the directorship limited to staffers only? Is this elite group afraid "outsiders" will take over and subvert or dilute the purpose of the OSA. Not to worry. You could limit the number sitting on the board. You could further establish time limits such as a specified number of years in the OSA and/or the number of years as a unit leader at

OSR. I would suggest a minimum of one associate board member for every three staff members, thus increasing the size of the board to twelve. I think you are passing up a valuable resource. Incidentally, I do not wish to run for office and if drafted would respectfully decline. There must be many unit leaders who would be an asset to the Board.

Al Baldasty

EDITORS' NOTE: Three avenues of membership are offered in the Owasippe Staff Association: Staff (two years on staff), Associate (service to council camp programs/involvement in troop leadership at OSR), and Affiliate (Friend of the OSA and OSR). Members may advance into another category once qualified. At present, only staff members may serve on the Board of Directors.

Follow-Up

One Night, Many Memories: Dinner Dance '86

Our annual dinner dance, held March 1st at Gianotti's in Forest Park, was another rousing success. More than 150 members and friends celebrated the beginning of the ninth year of the OSA.

Chauncey and Mary Beth Nizio, our co-chairpersons for the event, and their committee did another terrific job. The facilities, the food, the music, the yearbook, the refreshments, all were first rate. GOOD NEWS: Chauncey and Mary beth have already volunteered for next year. Plan ahead for a wonderful evening.

The brief business meeting was followed by the special recognitions of members, which are listed throughout this newsletter. Among those recognized were members who sponsored OSA events: Mike Finnegan (Pizza Nite),

George and Georgia Johnson (Picnic and Christmas Party), Linda and Pat Monahan (Garage Sale and Picnic), Chauncey and Mary Beth Nizio (Dinner Dance), Mike O'Reilly and Mike Drazba (Road Rally), Mike Schlagel (Calendar), Jim Schlichting (Fall Fix-It), and Gale Stoffregan (Spring FIX-IT and White Sox Game).

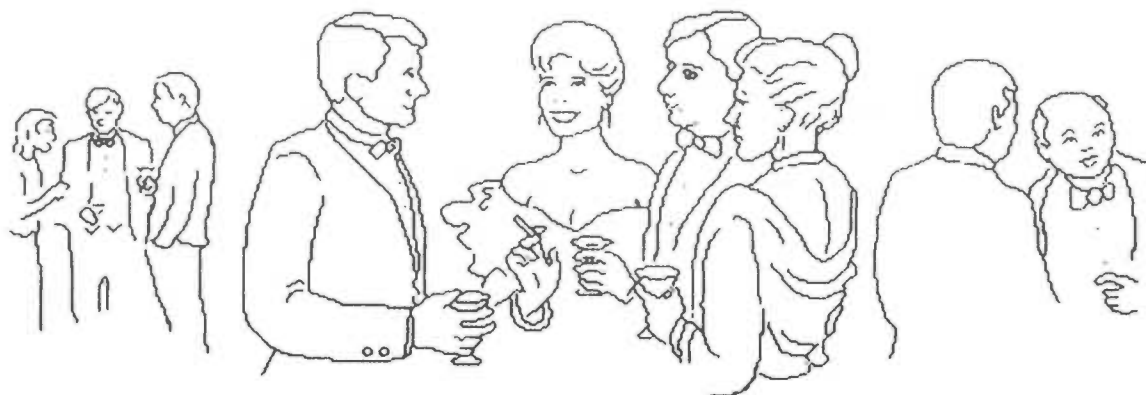
Also highlighted on the evening was the field sports range project. Pat Monahan delivered a status report, and Bob Bavirsha described plans for the FIX-IT. Bob also recruited workers for various jobs on the ranges throughout the evening. His brother, Bill, helped to generate much enthusiasm for the project with a huge scale model of the ranges.

One of the most inspiring moments of the evening was

the slide/sound presentation of scenes from Owaspippe's past and present, which had been prepared by Gary Hanson and Chauncey.

People who attend the annual dance are always surprised how quickly the evening passes. They regret they cannot spend more time with their friends. The night ends with the Owaspippe Hymn, which brings with it a touch of sadness for the times now past, but also great anticipation for the following year's reunion. Members also know that Family and FIX-IT weekends provide an opportunity for long talks and comraderie.

This year's event was highlighted by visits from some old friends, many of whom travelled long distances to be with us. Ray and Glenda Hale from Memphis, Bill and Judy Lotter from Owasso, Oklahoma, Scott and Cindy Weber from Grand Rapids, and Roger and Diane Bevans from Montague. We were also glad to see Ed and Donna Black. The Council was also well represented at the dinner. Lin Carter, the Chief Scout Exec, had an opportunity to meet out members, as did Bill Morrison, the Director of Camping.



Kulak Recognized at Annual Meeting

At this year's annual banquet, the OSA honored Ron Kulak as an Honorary Life Member, for his service to scouting, to the Owaspippe Scout Reservation, and to the OSA.

Ron's service to scouting began with troop 418 in Brighton Park. During his boyhood years of scouting, Ron served as OA Vice Chief in Kitakima Meechgalonne chapter of the Owaspippe Lodge and later as Vice Chief of the Lodge. Ron's dedication resulted in his recognition as a vigil member in 1971.

Ron worked at Owaspippe in Camp Wolverine from 1969 to 1975 as a scoutcraft instructor and as a commissioner. He also served as lodge summer advisor for several years. In his final year, Ron was selected to direct Camp Sauger Lake.

In recent years, Ron has served as Advisor of Post 2474 and still serves as a member of the Camp Properties and Development Committee. He is also very active with Owaspippe as coordinator of the Staff Development Program (CIT and Associate). In this program he and other OSA members train the present camp staff.

All of these accomplishments would merit recognition from the OSA, but in this instance, he has done much

more. Ron was among the founders of the OSA. As our first secretary, he organized, designed, wrote, and published our newsletter, always giving to this responsibility his full efforts. In developing the organization of the OSA and in establishing its priorities, no one member has had a greater impact than Ron. As Vice President and President, Ron demonstrated strong initiative and moved the OSA to new heights.

We can think of no member who is more worthy of honorary life membership in the OSA. He has honored us so greatly with his service and dedication, and it is only fitting that we should honor him. Congratulations, Ron, from all of us.

Ron has recently accepted a position with University Savings & Loan in Hyde Park as Vice President.



Project Update

Trail Renovation Nears Completion

The OSA trail marking committee, Bill Dopke, Tom Crissey, John Grout, Jim Richerson, and Dave Schlichting, will be at Owasippe during the final week of April to put the finishing touches on the Yellow Trail, thus completing the four-year trail renovation in time for the 75th Anniversary. With the help and expertise of Jim Marshall, the committee is also preparing a new map of Owasippe, which will be available this summer. The OSA is now printing a brochure describing the trails for distribution to leaders and scouts.

The committee has also developed plans for a new Voyageur Program, as well as a new Owasippe Pathfinder Troop Trek. A voyageur on the new Owasippe trail system must visit all operating section camps and Owasippe's grave, spending a minimum of two nights on the trail. They must also canoe fifteen miles on the White River. An ideal lunching point on the river will be Camp Splinter, formerly Diamond One. In the 30's this area was an outpost for older scouts and run much like a

logging operation. Scouts provided poles and rough timber for the camps. Voyageurs will earn patches.

On the pathfinder trek, troops will be required to prepare two meals out of camp, which should give them an opportunity to see other camps as well as other sites such as the museum. On one hike, a troop would leave camp after lunch and head south to Owasippe lake, where they would spend the night. In the morning they would return to camp. No scout would miss a day of program. Certificates will be awarded to hikers.

Our hats are off to these members, who have worked tirelessly in the development of a superb trail program. We know, however, that the best praise they can receive is the satisfaction of watching scouts use the trails. You'll have an opportunity to view some of their work if you attend the OSA 75th Anniversary Homecoming, August 1-3.

Up 'N Coming

HOMECOMING AT OWASIPPE

Come join our celebration. The OSA Board of Directors cordially invites our members and their families to attend an OSA 75th anniversary celebration at Owasippe on August 1-3.

We have scheduled a full day of events on Saturday, August 2. You will have an opportunity to swim in an Owasippe pool and to boat and canoe on Lake Wolverine. We have also scheduled a hike around the lake, a visit to the E. Urner Goodman Museum and, of course, a campfire.

A special highlight of the weekend will be the formal dedication of our field sports ranges at Camps Blackhawk and Carlen. After the dedication, we will meet at the administration center for a special dinner, available to members and their families at a nominal charge. The Board of Directors will also invite members of the camp staff who are OSA members as well as perspective members to dine with us.

Members and their families who want to camp at Owasippe may do so in an area designated by the

reservation staff. Cabin space at Family Camp (Reneker) may be available. Call the camping service after June 1 (559-0990). You may also want to consider area motels. A listing of these is published in this newsletter.

In order to assist us in planning for this event, we ask members to complete the enclosed registration form and to return it to us prior to July 18. An individual registration fee of \$2.00 and a family registration fee of \$5.00 should be enclosed with the registration form. These fees will be used to defray the costs of the Association at the celebration. Mike Schlagel (460-4337) is coordinating the anniversary weekend for the OSA.

We especially want to thank Bill Morrison, the CAC Director of Camping and the present OSR director, for extending this invitation to our members. We look forward to a terrific day at Owasippe. Come rekindle memories as you tour the camps with us. Hope to see you there.

Klefeker To Work At Gerber

The Owasippe "lumberjack," Joe Klefeker, has been appointed Head Ranger of Gerber Scout Reservation, Owasippe's next door neighbor. One of sixty applicants, Joe was selected recently from among four finalists.

In the past few years, Joe, an OSA member, has done hundreds of hours of volunteer tree-trimming on the Owasippe properties. A quiet man, Joe's tree-climbing antics would usually go unnoticed until some scout would yell, "Hey, you guys, look at that guy way up in that tree." Then the buzz of the saw would reveal Joe's secret hideaway to the skywatchers below.

Marie, Joe's wife, also an OSA member, has herself donated many hundreds of hours service to the camp over the years. For several years, Marie, a scout leader, has brought a troop of special scouts to Camp Carlen. Marie says that she is very excited about the move "now that the children are all grown up."

In 1984-85, Joe instituted a detailed reforestation program at Owasippe. He has studied forest plots, and with a microcomputer has catalogued the types of trees and annual growth. Through his efforts, the leaders and rangers of Owasippe have a much better understanding of one of Owasippe's most precious resources. He has inspired many scouts and staffers to implement his reforestation program.

Joe and Marie will soon leave their home in Hammond, Indiana for Camp Gerber. We know that Gerber has selected a great man for the job. We wish them well in the future.

Tom Janiak Resigns From Board

The resignation of Tom Janiak from the Board of Directors was accepted with regret at the March 19th meeting of the Board. Tom cited his many responsibilities as Student Activities Director for Argo High School as the reason for his resignation. Tom will remain active with the OSA. He has already secured the facilities of Argo High as a meeting place for the Board. He will also assist the OSA as a writer for the newsletter and as an important part of the membership drive at Owasippe this summer. Tom is the new camp director of Camp Carlen. We wish him well in his new position and camp.

To fill the vacancy on the Board, Pat Monahan has appointed Jack Coussens. Jack has accepted the position, and his appointment has been approved by the Board of Directors. Jack will serve his second one-year term. Thanks again for helping out, Jack. In March, 1987, The OSA will elect four members to the Board, three three-year terms, and one one-year term. Start thinking now about accepting a nomination for 87.

OSA Begins Camp Promotion

Once again, the OSA will assist the CAC in its camp promotion efforts. Under the leadership of John Maluta, OSA 86 camp promotion coordinator, teams from the association will visit district roundtables and conduct presentations on Owasippe. In addition, OSA members will combine with other council representatives to make personal contact with the leaders of fifty troops, which have been identified as excellent prospects.

Bill Morrison, Director of Camping, hopes to begin planning for promotion 1987 at a meeting in May. This meeting will consolidate the efforts of the different groups participating in camp promotion in the council (OA, OSA, District Commissioners, CAC). Anyone interested in assisting the OSA in camp promotion for 1987 should contact John Maluta (471-0617) or Jerry Brown (776-9526). As the role of the OSA expands in camp promotion, we'll need all the help we can get.

New Board Forms; Officers Elected

On March 1, at the annual meeting, Mike Finnegan, Mike O'Reilly, and Bill Schaefer were elected to the Board of Directors. Each will serve a three-year term. The new officers of the Association were also named: Pat Monahan (President), Mike Schlagel (Vice-President), George Johnson (Treasurer), and John Maluta (Secretary).

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OWASIPPE SCOUT RESERVATION

"COME PREPARED... TO PREPARE THE CAMP"

Calendar Committee Begins Work

The OSA calendar is becoming a tradition, and already the calendar committee is preparing for 1987. They ask members to review their photos of Owasispe, past and present, and to consider loaning some to the committee. The committee will copy and return photos to owners before Christmas. Of particular interest are scenes from Owasispe in all of its seasons.

Members who have photos should send them to the P. O. Box, care of Mike Schlagel, chairman of the Calendar Committee, or give them to Mike at any OSA event. Please be sure to attach the name of the donor to the photo, as well as provide a brief description of the event and the year taken. The OSA published calendars highlighting its activities and memories of Owasispe in 1985 and 1986.

Owasippe's 75th To Be Theme of Camporall

Owasippe will be highlighted at the CAC Camporall to be held at Hoover Scout Reservation on June 6-8. On Saturday, June 7, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., current staff members from Owasispe section camps will coordinate the Owasispe Eagle Trail, with activities representing the four major program areas at camp. The Carlen staff will offer ecology-conservation demonstrations, the Robert Crown staff will challenge scouts with scoutcraft activities, the Blackhawk staff will highlight aquatics, and the Wolverine staff will provide field sports opportunities. The Reneker staff (Family Camp) will also put on a display. These activities will encourage troops to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Owasispe and should help in recruiting troops and scouts for camp.

The Galloping Grapevine

WAY UP NORTH... to Camp Makajawan in Wisconsin goes **Eric Jensen**, who will serve as its Reservation Director. We wish him and his family all the best on their return to the camp where Eric originally worked as a camp director. Eric has worked at Owasispe for a number of years, most recently as director of Camp Blackhawk. Camp Makajawan is operated by the Northwest Suburban Council, BSA.

THE ST. GEORGE AWARD was presented to **Ed Wendling** on February 2 at Holy Name Cathedral by Rev. Alfred L. Abramowicz. It's Catholic Scouting's highest honor, bestowed upon parish lay people for the important role they play in scouting. Ed hails from St. Germaine's parish in Oak Lawn, where he has been a terrific scoutmaster for several years. He also did a terrific job a few years ago when he installed the plumbing at our Wolverine Shower House. Congrats, Ed!

LEAVING CHICAGO for longhorn country is **Bill McCahill**, who will take on responsibilities with Scouting's National Executive Institute in Arlington, Texas. Bill had been with the CAC since 1977 and served as the Director of Scouting for the Handicapped and as Assistant Reservation Director. We'll certainly miss his support and quick wit.

ON TO AFRICA! **Jim Richerson** will soon be accompanying a team of experts from the University of Chicago's Oriental Institute, who will be working at an archeological dig in Tunisia. It sounds exciting; however, Tunisia is adjacent to Libya on the northwest edge of the Gulf of Sidra. Be careful out there!

OUR GET-WELL WISHES are extended to **Jean Steggall**, who is recovering nicely at home from a recent stroke. Similarly, we hope **Mary Huffman**, one of Owasispe's rangers, gets around and about quickly from his back ailment.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES are passed to **Chester Hernacki and his family** on the recent loss of his wife, Veronica.

THEY DID IT! On Saturday, March 15, **Jim Nothnagel and Diane Carlson** of Brooklyn, N.Y. exchanged vows at a ceremony in the Morgan Park community, attended by a large array of friends, family, and associates. Our congratulations are extended to them along with our wishes for a marvelous life together. They reside in the Presidential Towers just west of the Loop. As usual, Mark Behnke caught the garter.

GETTING NERVOUS? Awaiting their turn to engage in marital bliss are **Frank Chlebek and Nancy O'Reilly**, who have set a mid-June date.

CAMP PROMO ADVISOR to the Owasispe Lodge OA is **John Kosik**, who recently took on that assignment. John, a prior lodge chief, is presently a vice-president with Balcor in Skokie. John is also the present representative of the OSA on the Camp Properties and Development Committee.

BACK-IN-TOWN! **Joe Alonso** is no longer traversing the Southwest and has returned to Chicago, where he has taken a temporary job with Marshall Fields. Joe has

reinvolved himself in the OSA in a big way, becoming one of the co-editors of the *Vibrations*

OWASSO CUBBING! **Bill Lotter** is a new Cub Master in Owasso, Oklahoma, and he is ably assisted in this endeavor by his wife, **Judy**. When asked by the Council rep to become leader, Bill simply asked "What else do you need?" Bill and Judy have already recruited more than sixty boys.

A MARSHALL MAP! Remember the crackerjack map of the '60s and early '70s, which people raved about because it provided terrific help on the trails. Well, the author of those maps, **Jim Marshall**, has offered his assistance to the OSA Trail's Committee with an updated version that will exhibit not only the new trails, but also more landmarks, roads and contours. The map should be available for the opening of camp.

WOOD BADGE WORKERS! **Joe Typtanar** and **Bill Rogers** will join **John Kennedy** on the staff of CAC Wood Badge course this summer. With a staff like this, it sounds like a winner.

BSA PROMOTIONS: We are pleased to announce the recent career advancements of **Ron Brown** and **Jim Chandler**. An executive in Chicago since 1969, Ron Brown has been promoted to Scout Executive of Passaic Valley council in Wayne, New Jersey. He recently served Chicago as Field Services Director. Jim was similarly promoted to Scout Executive of Four Lakes Council in Madison, Wisconsin. Jim served as Reservation Director of Owasippe from 1979 through 1983. Most recently, he worked with the BSA East Central Region. Congratulations, Ron and Jim.

THEIR FIRSTBORN!!! **Joe and Linda Sener** proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Christina Anne, on March 14. Christie checked in at 21 inches and weighed 7 lbs. 9 1/2 ounces.

THE STORK APPROACHES! **Larry and Nancy Miller** are expecting their first baby in April. **John and**

Chris Maluta are expecting their first in July. **Mike and Carolyn Schlagel** are expecting their first in September. **Kevin and Beth Murphy** are expecting their first in October. And **Mike Drazba** and **Chris Sanchez Drazba** are also expecting their first in October. We certainly have a lot of firsts here.

SILVER BEAVERS! Congratulations are extended to **Al Baldasty, Gary Hanson** and **James Heinlein**, who were recipients of Scouting's highest honor for its volunteers, the Silver Beaver Award. It's a well-deserved recognition for all of their devoted time and talents.

WE HEARD FROM DEN DAD! **Lloyd and Lucille Hanson** passed through Chicago in early March on the way to an Elder Hostel in Pioneer Village, Nebraska. There they planned to study the return of the Sand Hill Crane. They are now on their way to North Carolina to begin their 40th Elder Hostel program. Oh, retirement!

R.S.V.P. Council President Mike Tobin recently assigned **Dick Sanders** to head up the Reserve Scouters Volunteer Program, an effort to tap the presently underutilized talents and resources of thousands of past and current scouters. Such areas where these people can help are as camp commissioners, day camp staff, scouter training staffs, district scout recruitment teams, and more. If you know of anyone who would like to assist in this capacity, please call Dick at 736-7360.

OSA Recognizes New Lifers, Welcomes New Members

At our annual meeting, Joe Sener, Past President, and John Maluta, past membership chairman, awarded plaques to **Roger Bevans, Lloyd Hanson, Tom Hillyard, Tom Janiak, Jim Liden, and Ken Yamamoto**, recognizing them as our newest life members. The OSA now has forty-six life members. Can we reach fifty by the end of the year?

The OSA extends a hearty welcome to our newest members. **Ken Keller**, an associate member, lives on the north side of Chicago and is a self-employed carpenter. Ken's company, Keller Construction, specializes in remodeling, and he has used his skills at several FIX-IT weekends. **Scott Halicki**, a staff member, lives on the northwest side of Chicago and is

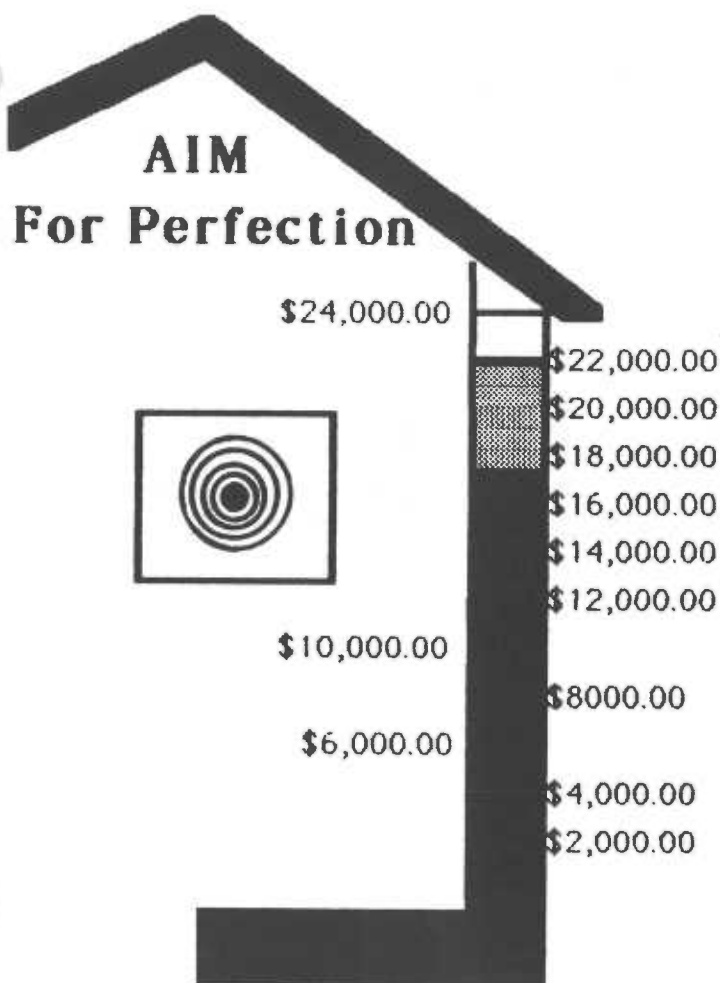
currently studying to be a chef. Scott has served on the OSA staff for two summers at Wolverine as an assistant field sports director and as a commissioner. He is a member of troop 978 and most recently served as scoutmaster. This summer, he will be the assistant camp director at Wolverine. **Jim Liden**, an associate member, lives in LaGrange Park. Jim is the proprietor of Mr. B's House of Fine Foods in Western Springs. Jim joins his father Bud Liden as the only father/son team of life members in the OSA.

Kevin McMahon, a staff member, lives on the south side of Chicago and is a Chicago fireman. Kevin is also owner of Alpha & Omega, a videography company. In March, Kevin videotaped the annual OSA meeting and showed videotapes of Owasippe. He served on the Owasippe staff for three years. **Bill Schaefer Jr.**, a staff member, has worked at Owasippe for six summers. In 1985, Bill served as senior commissioner at Camp Wolverine, where he will return this summer as Assistant Camp Director. Bill is now a junior at Florida State Institute of Technology, majoring in environmental engineering. His interests in this subject derive from his Owasippe experiences. **James and Eileen**

Walters, affiliate members, live on the north side of Chicago. Jim is a traffic controller for a manufacturing plant, and Eileen is pursuing a degree in finance. Jim was a member of Troop 912 of Parkview Lutheran Church and began his Owasippe camping career at Family Camp as a youngster.

In a few weeks, the membership committee will mail a resource survey to our members. We ask that you answer the survey completely and return it promptly. This survey will help us to know more about our association. Also, we'll use this information to develop a Resource Bank, which, if members approve, we'll make available to the membership.

Have you mailed your dues? If not, send it today. Consider joining for more than one year. If you know people who may be interested in the OSA, send their names and addresses to us, and we'll forward them membership application materials. If you are interested in helping the membership committee, call the new membership chairman, Mike Finnegan (586-4260).



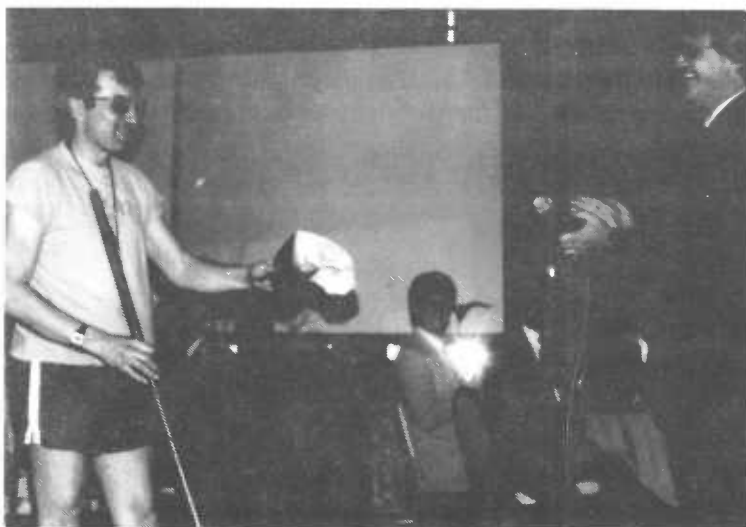
NEAR THE TOP

Only ten months after the inception of our fund-raising efforts, the OSA is nearing its two-year goal of \$24,000.00. We need only \$2000.00 more in pledges to reach our goal. Help us today by making a donation to the project. With these additional monies, we will renovate the ranges at Camps Wolverine and Robert Crown. Members who make donations to the project are eligible to receive premiums. Contributors of \$250.00 or more will receive an attractive OSA jacket as well as an OSA cap (\$100.00) and OSA travel mug (\$50.00). Donors of \$500.00 will also receive two tickets to our annual March dinner dance. Contributors of \$1000.00 will receive additionally a stainless steel inscribed plaque.





A surprised Ron Kulak approaches the dais to accept his award as OSA Honorary Life Member.



Jim Walters (right), recipient of appreciation award for his donation to the project, watches Bill Lotter (left) rake the beach in his honor.



A scale model of the Camp Blackhawk field sports range, constructed by Bill Bavirsha.

Pictures Needed for Publications

Okay, Gang. Here's your opportunity to immortalize yourself in the Owasippe Archives. Archives. What archives? The archives we're starting today. Now you know that there are seven or eight years of photos out there from past OSA events. The idea here is to gather photos for duplication and develop (hee hee) a chronological photo history of the OSA.

Okay? Ready? Run, don't walk to your photo albums and dig out all your event photos. Please attach your names to them and provide us with pertinent information. We will return photos if you request it. Give them to

Mike O'Reilly (385-9318) at coming events through friends or board members or send them to the P.O. Box.

Oh, and as long as you're looking, if you happen to run across any older photos documenting Owasippe history over the last 75 years, please include them in the envelope too. Right now we're looking for photos of these buildings for an upcoming publication: Whitt's Log Cabin Store, Double O, Beard Dining Hall and Health Lodge, Saddle Bags, Stern's Lodge, and the Stuart Dining Hall and Blockhouse.

Former Staff Members Who Are Married from

Bill Schaefer's *OSR Book of Lists and Records*

Mike Drazba and Chris Sanchez
Mary Witzleb and Tim Fass
Ron Kulak and Marilyn Young
Mary Alis Chevlin and Tom McCormack
Chauncey Nizioi and Mary Beth Accardi
Linda Hanson and Pat Monahan
Mike O'Reilly and Mary Kay Mays
Mary Fay Nezza and Ron Pezdek
Edgar Wolf-Klammer and Diane Young
Chris Seaberg and Tom Stevens
Carl Young and Marilyn Grossmeyer
Linda Walters and Joe Sener

others

Rick and Jackie Lowy

Terry and Steve Horvath
Vic and Betty Mosley
Cheryl and Mike Hierl
George and Georgia Johnson
and soon
Nancy O'Reilly and Frank Chlebek
Mike Nelson and Sue Pack

Who did we miss? Mail your info to Bill at 6448 N. Newark Av. Chicago, IL 60631 or call 774-9368.

Coming attractions: The list of nicknames and the list of those married in the Wolverine Chapel.

Kennedy To Direct Wood Badge

Former director at camps Stuart and Sauger Lake, John Kennedy will direct the fall Wood Badge training course for the Chicago Area Council. John invites applications from eligible members (two years tenure in active boy scout troop leadership or in position directly related to troop operation). The course will operate on three weekends: August 8-10, 22-24, and September 5-7, with two off-site patrol meetings as well. The cost of the course is \$130.00. For additional information and registration, call John (745-9532) or Joe Sedlacek (559-0990).

Stamps For Camp

The OSA will again collect S & H green stamps to purchase needed program and maintenance equipment for the camping properties. Special thanks are extended to Mary Nezza Pezdek, who coordinates this program, and to Terry Horvath, Director of Camp Reneker, who supports it so strongly at Owasippe. Stamps or certificates should be mailed to the OSA or brought to any of our events.



Camping Committee Reviews Staff Salaries

At the close of the 1985 OSR camping season, Steve Horvath, chairman of the Camp Properties and Development Committee, appointed Chuck Nagel and Dave Schlichting to compare OSR staff salaries with salaries from other council camps. Chuck and Dave gathered salary information for several months from many camps including those operated by the Cleveland Council, the Milwaukee Council, and the Detroit Council. Among the variables they considered were the length of the summer, staff housing, staff feeding arrangements, changeover time frame, proximity of the camp to the city, and transportation. Surprisingly, they discovered that Owasisippe compared favorably to other councils (The surprise here is from our editorial staff, who, to this day, complain about being underpaid). Senior staff salaries compared most favorably, while younger staff salaries compared less favorably. With the study only recently completed, no adjustments in the salary structure are planned for this summer, but some will be made for 1987, especially for positions filled by 16-18 year olds.

OSA Board Meeting Calendar

Beginning April 16, the OSA Board of Directors will meet on the third Wednesday of the month at Argo-Summit High School, which is located at 63rd & Harlem (one block west of Harlem on 63rd) in Summit, IL. Board meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and are open to members, who are encouraged to attend.

OSA Product Sales

Belt Buckles	Pewter:	\$10.50
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	Copper:	\$11.00
Key Chains	Pewter:	\$3.00
Lapel Pins	Copper:	\$3.50
Tie Pins and Bars	Copper:	\$3.50
Lighters (Zippo)	Pewter:	\$13.00
Coffee Mugs	Regular:	\$5.00
	Plastic/Travel:	\$3.00
Baseball Caps		\$6.00
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Blackhawker Quiz

What was found at Camp Blackhawk during the 1985 season, which is now on display at the E. Urner Goodman Owasippe Museum? Watch the summer issue of the *Vibrations* for the answer.

O.S.A. (A Poem)

program needs,
we arrange.

Ole friends.
sep'rate ways,
O.S.A.
among us stays.

Payin' back
a distant debt,
we will do it,
you can bet.

As we recall
"the good ole days,"
O.S.A.
among us stays.

Camp needs help;
we'll do it free,
as we hail
Owasippe.

Now we work
behind the scenes,
helping scouts
fulfill *their* dreams.

Hard at work
and also play,
O.S.A.
among us stays

Shower House,
rifle range.

by Bill Schaefer, Sr.

Jewel/Eisner

May 5-7; June 30, July 1-2

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May 19, 20, 21

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to register as a member of
the OSA and offer my support
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Calendar of Upcoming OSA Events

May 16-18
Owasippe Spring FIX-IT

August 2
75th Anniversary Homecoming
Owasippe

August 24
Family Picnic

Theodore Stone Woods
LaGrange

October 10-13
Owasippe Fall FIX-IT
& Family Weekend
Family Camp

November 28
Pizza Night
TBA

December 14
Children's Christmas Party
Camp Kiwanis

March 7
Annual Meeting & Dinner Dance
Giannotti's Banquet Hall
Forest Park

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